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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN PLUTONIUM AT EUROCHEMIC FACILITY IN BELGIUM

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1. EMBOFF CONTACTED OFFICIALS AT NORWEGIAN INSTITUTE OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR STATUS REPORT ON SUBJECT PLUTONIUM. IN A NUTSHELL, IT SEEMS THAT ONLY THING PREVENTING NORWEGIANS FROM SIGNING CONTRACT WITH BELGONUCLAIRE ENABLING THIS FIRM TO TAKE MATERIAL IS AN OK FROM ERDA.

2. THE INSTITUTE FOR ATOMIC ENERGY AND BELBONUCLAIRE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR THE SALE TO BELGONUCLAIRE TO THE INSTITUTE'S PLUTONIUM LOCATED AT EUROCHEMIC. THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY BELBONUCLAIRE AND IS TO BE SIGNED BY THE INSTITUTE UPON APPROVAL OF THE SALE BY GON AUTHORITIES. IN 1975--WHEN THE SAME SALE WAS UNDER NEGOTIATIONS--ERDA WAS CONSULTED. AT THAT TIME ERDA
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STATED THAT IT HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THE SALE. IN THE PRESENT CASE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AGAIN DECIDED TO SEEK US APPROVAL, AND INSTRUCTED THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO CONSULT ERDA. ERDA'S ANSWER THIS TIME, APPARENTLY, IS THAT IT NEEDS TIME TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

3. MEANWHILE, THE EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY IN A LETTER DATED

8 JUNE 1977 INFORMED THE INSTITUTE THAT IT APPROVED OF ARRANGEMENTS TO TRANSFER THE MATERIAL TO BELGONUCLAIRE, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE NORWEGIANS EXECUTE THE CONTRACT WITHOUT AWAITING US AUTHORIZATION. EURATOM STATES QUOTE THIS MATERIAL IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE EURATOM/U.S. ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION OF JUNE 11, 1960, AS AMENDED, AND, IN PARTICULAR, ITS ART. I E. THEREFORE, THERE IS NO NEED FOR FURTHER U.S. AUTHORIZATION CONCERNING THE EVENTUAL SALE OF THAT MATERIAL WITHIN THE COMMUNITY WHICH YOU, RESPECTIVELY YOUR GOVERNMENT, SHOULD REQUEST FROM U.S. AUTHORITIES. END QUOTE.

4. FURTHERMORE, AND CONTRARY TO INFO IN REF B, PRESENCE OF MATERIAL AT EUROCHEMIC IS CAUSING DIFFICULTY. IN A LETTER TO THE INSTITUTE DATED 14 JULY 1977 FROM E. DETILLEUX, MANAGER OF EUROCHEMIC, HE STATES INTER ALIA QUOTE WE WONDER IF YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND THE EUROCHEMIC'S CRITICAL SITUATION...WE REPEAT AGAIN THAT OUR STORAGE FACILITY DOES NOT SATISFY ANY LONGER THE TODAY(SIC) SAFETY CRITERIA...EUROCHEMIC IS NOT READY TO BE CONSIDERED AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PERPETUAL CARE OF YOUR MATERIAL, AND CONSEQUENTLY REQUEST A COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE FROM YOUR SIDE IN ORDER TO GET A SOLUTION IN THE COMING WEEKS. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND TO YOU TO CONCLUDE THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH BELGONUCLAIRE... PLEASE INFORM YOUR AUTHORITIES OF THE ACTUAL SITUATION AND REQUIRE THEIR QUICK APPROVAL. END QUOTE.

5. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE GON WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HAVE US LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROVAL ON THE TRANSFER TO BELGONUCLAIRE, AND THUS IS WAITING DESPITE THE PLEADINGS FROM EUROCHEMIC AND THE ADVICE TO PROCEED FROM EURATOM. THIS DELAY IS ALSO COSTING THE INSTITUTE PENALTY STORAGE CHARGE. BOTH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INSTITUTE OFFICIALS ARE PERPLEXED BY ERDA'S REQUEST FOR MORE TIME TO CONSIDER THE SALE, BUT DO NOT KNOW WHETHER AND/OR WHERE TO EXERT PRESSURE FOR A DECISION. THE ALTERNATIVE TO TRANSFERRING THE MATERIAL TO BELGONUCLAIRE, AT THIS LATE DATE, SEEMS ONLY TO BRING THE MATERIAL BACK TO NORWAY. THIS IS VIRTUALLY UNTHINKABLE FOR THE NORWEGIANS FOR REASONS OUTLINED IN REF D. EMBOFF THEREOFRE AGREED TO REQUEST EARLY AND POSITIVE ERDA ACTION. NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS BRIEFED ON THIS MATTER, AND EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT ERDA COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH NORWEGIANS THERE. WE WOULD OF COURSE APPRECIATE A STATUS REPORT.
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